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REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 16-19, and 21-22 are currently pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claims 15 and 20 are cancelled by way of the present Amendment. In the Office Action: Claims 13-14, 16-19, and 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,229,516). Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tokunaga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,069) in view Kim et al.

In reply to the rejection of claims 13-14, 16-19, and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Kim et al., the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. These claims recite a first set of address electrodes and a second set of address electrodes.

Kim et al. relates to a displaying circuit and a driving method. On page 3 of the Office Action it is stated that "...Kim et al teaches an apparatus comprising...a first set of address electrodes (G1-Gm)...[and] a second set of address electrodes (Gm+1-G2m) (see figures 2, 9; column 4, lines 4-18; column 7, lines 25-68 and column 8, lines 1-36)." However, Kim et al. merely discloses, for example in column 2, lines 12-14, gate lines G₁..., G_m that are arranged on panel 1. One of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that gate lines are different from address electrodes. This is evident and apparent, as gate lines are specific to liquid crystal

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displays, while address electrodes are structures that, in embodiments of the present invention, may be used in plasma displays.

Accordingly, Kim et al. does not disclose all the recitations of claims 13-14, 16-19, and 21-22. At least for this reason, a *prima facie* case of anticipation has not been established in the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e).

In reply to the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tokunaga et al. in view of Kim et al., the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. These claims recite a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining.

Tokunaga et al. relates to a display system for a plasma display panel. The Office Action states on page 4 that "Tokunaga et al fail to drive a plasma display panel utilizing an asymmetry sustaining."

Kim et al. relates to a driving circuit of a liquid crystal display and has been discussed above. However, unlike the recitations of claims 1-12, there is no disclosure of a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining. On page 6 of the Office Action, it is implied that "a plasma display utilizing asymmetry" is disclosed in Figure 2, Figure 9, and column 1, lines 10-18 of Kim et al. However, it is disclosed in column 4, lines 4-6 that Figure 2 relates to a liquid crystal panel 1. It is also disclosed in column 7, lines 22-24 that Figure 9 relates to a driving

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method of a LCD. Further, in column 1, lines 10-18, there is no disclosure of a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining.

Accordingly, there is no disclosure in Kim et al. of a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining. At least for this reason, Kim et al. does not alleviate the deficiency of Tokunaga et al. of not disclosing a plasma display utilizing asymmetry sustaining and therefore a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not established.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Daniel H. Sherr at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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